

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this email to lobby against Bill HB5537, Section 6.

I am a graduate student at the University of Saint Joseph, majoring in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism. I am on track to graduate this May 2014 and look forward to taking my Board Certification in November of 2014.

I am strongly against this Bill since the practice of speech and language pathology does not train for Applied Behavior Analysis methodology. The practice of a Speech Pathologist incorporates the application of principles, and procedures specific to the development and disorders of speech, voice or language. The practice of Applied Behavior Analysis is application of conditioning, both operant and classical while replacing and/or shaping Behaviors. It is because of this contradictory practices I am advocating against Bill HB 5537, Section 6.

Thank you for your time and attention to this most important issue.

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